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DATE: February 4, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: Hain Celestial - Ethnic Food Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Ethnic Food Recall; Due to *Salmonella typhimurium*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the State of Indiana. The recalled products were distributed nationally to supermarkets and other food stores, and sold in the frozen foods section. Detail store information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Hain Celestial Voluntarily Issues Nationwide Expanded Recall of Certain Ethnic Gourmet® Chicken Pad Thai Because of Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Melville, New York, February 2, 2009--The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. of Melville, New York announced that it is taking the precautionary measure of recalling certain Ethnic Gourmet® frozen foods because they contain peanut products supplied by Peanut Corporation of America, which is the subject of an FDA investigation concerning recent *Salmonella* outbreaks. No illnesses have been reported in connection with the recalled products.

The expanded recall includes additional lot codes for Ethnic Gourmet Chicken Pad Thai. These products are distributed nationally to supermarkets and other food stores, and sold in the frozen foods section.

Ethnic Gourmet Chicken Pad Thai 10 oz

UPC code # 18687-70054 lot codes beginning with "WC7" and "WC8"

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections

(i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. For more information on *Salmonella*, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at <http://www.cdc.gov>.

The FDA and other regulatory agencies have indicated that Peanut Corporation of America (PCA) is the focus on their investigation concerning a recent *Salmonella* outbreak thought to be caused by tainted peanut products. PCA has supplied Hain Celestial with the peanuts, which were used in the products being recalled by this notification.

Consumers who have purchased any products covered by this recall are urged to return them to the store of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions or concerns about the recall may call the company at 1-800-739-4838 (7:00 AM – 5:00 PM Mountain Time).

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